

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending in the application, claim 1 being canceled herein.
Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,769,857 to Cianfanelli et al.

Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cianfanelli et al. in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0182716 to Wu.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), that claim is amended herein to incorporate the limitations of claim 2, which has been canceled. Amended claim 1 is now equivalent to claim 2 rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Pursuant to the indication by the Examiner, amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to accord with the cancellation of claim 2. In addition, the claims have been amended to delete reference designations, to conform to contemporary U.S. claims drafting practice.

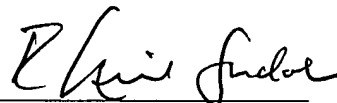
For the foregoing reasons, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance. An early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would

advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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